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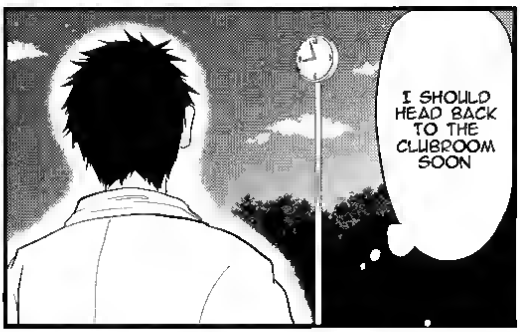

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MEAL 29
YAMATO'S ANSWER

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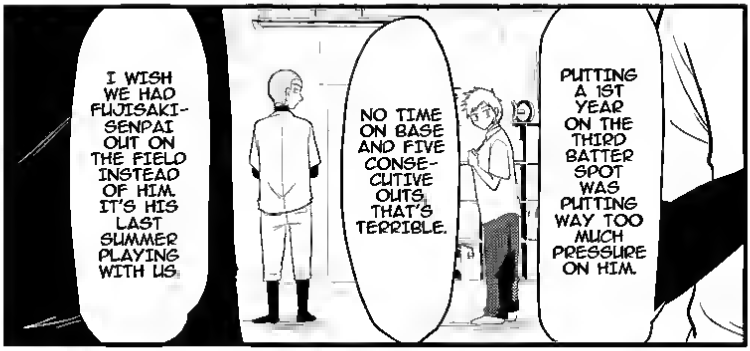
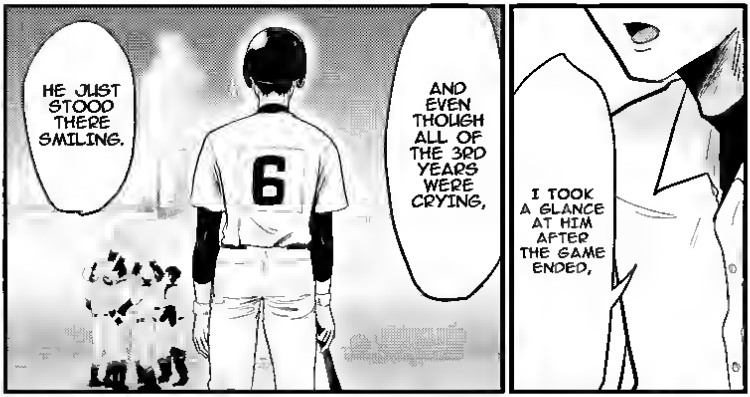
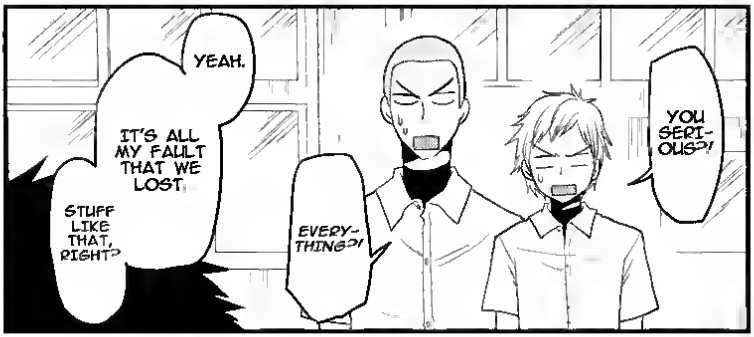
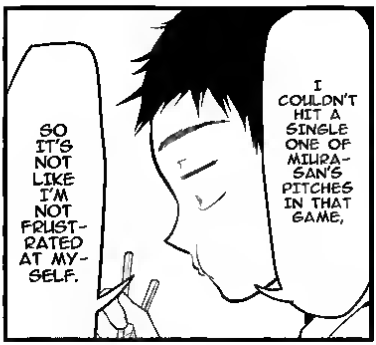

I WISH WE HAD FUJISAKI-SENPAI OUT ON THE FIELD INSTEAD OF HIM. IT'S HIS LAST SUMMER PLAYING WITH US.
NO TIME ON BASE AND FIVE CONSE-CUTIVE OUTS. THAT'S TERRIBLE.
PUTTING A 1ST YEAR ON THE THIRD BATTER SPOT WAS PUTTING WAY TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON HIM.

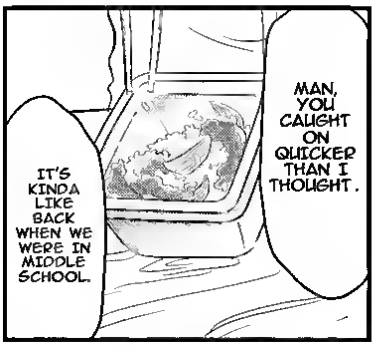

HE JUST STOOD THERE SMILING.
AND EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE 3RD YEARS WERE CRYING,
I TOOK A GLANCE AT HIM AFTER THE GAME ENDED,

DOESN'T THAT MEAN HE'S A SPY SENT FROM CENTER KANTOU?
VERY LIKE-LY.
YOU SERI-OUS?
THERE'S NO WAY.

YAMA-TOOO.
HEY.
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE EATING GYUDON IN THE CLASS-ROOM...
THIS PLACE IS GONNA REEK OF GARLIC...
WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?
UHMM...
JUST A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE YOU GOT BACK TO THE CLUB-ROOM,
THE 2ND YEARS WERE
AH, I HE-ARD EVE-RY-THING
EH. uu


YEAH.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT THAT WE LOST.
STUFF LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
EVERY-THING?!
YOU SERI-OUS?!


I COULDN'T HIT A SINGLE ONE OF MIURA-SAN'S PITCHES IN THAT GAME,
SO IT'S NOT LIKE I'M NOT FRUST-RATED AT MY-SELF.


MAN, YOU CAUGHT ON QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT.
IT'S KINDA LIKE BACK WHEN WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

IT'S MY FAULT ALONE THAT WE LOST... I WOULD'VE GOTTEN PUNCHED IN THE FACE IF I SAID SOMETHING BACK TO THEM.
"DON'T BE COCKY YOU LITTLE BRAT" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
REAL-LY...

Empty
WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT BOTHERED BY IT AT LEAST.
LET'S TRY OUR BEST AT PRACTICE TODAY.
YEAH
"EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE 3RD YEARS WERE CRYING,"
"HE JUST STOOD THERE SMILING."
EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT

LOCK UP THE DOOR AFTER YOU'RE DONE, YAMATO.
YEAH.
12
3
6
9
Captain
Today
Do you have a moment to talk right now?
!
Pito
Click Click

I'M "FORMER CAPTAIN" NOW.
Bow
AH/..
EVENIN' CAPTAIN.
YO.
I HEARD THE 2ND YEARS MADE FUN OF YOU, DIDN'T THEY?
I HEARD IT FROM TAKAYAMA.
WE HAD A LITTLE TALK ABOUT THAT.
CAP... SUDOU-SAN, HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?

BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE BULLIED, RIGHT?
BUT THEY DIDN'T SAY IT TO MY FACE OR ANYTHING, SO I'M NOT...
WHAT IS THIS CONVERSATION...
HAA...
NO NEED TO THANK ME.
SO I, AS FORMER TEAM CAPTAIN, HAVE COME HERE TO GIVE YOU CONSOLATION.
WELL, THE BENCHED 2ND YEARS DECIDED TO GANG UP AND PICKED ON MY PRIZED RECRUIT.
TOO MUCH DISSATISFACTION MADE THEM BURST..
WHEN I WAS IN MY SECOND YEAR, THE PLAYERS WHO DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO THE BENCH AT THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT LOST THEIR CHANCE TO PLAY AN ACTUAL GAME, UP UNTIL THEIR RETIREMENT.
THIS TOPIC ALWAYS COMES UP AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR
BUT SERIOUSLY THOUGH, YOU DON'T NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELF TOO MUCH.
US 3RD YEARS ARE ALSO VERY AWARE THAT WE LOST COMPLETELY.
EVERYONE IN THE REGULAR LINE-UP KNOWS THAT YOU PRACTICE HARDER THAN ANYONE.

I WAS EATING WITH THE 3RD YEARS YESTERDAY
EVEN FUJISAKI, WHO GOT REMOVED FROM THE REGULARS, SAID THAT HE'S GLAD YOU'RE ON THE TEAM, YAMATO...
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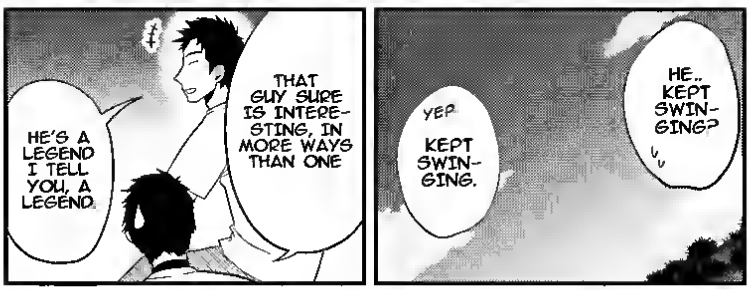
HM?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.
OUT OF ALL THINGS THE 2ND-YEARS HAVE SAID, ONE IS STILL TRUE...

I AM EXTREMELY UPSET THAT I COULDN'T GO TO KOUSHIEN WITH YOU AND THE OTHERS, SUDOU-SAN,
I FAILED COMP-LETELY UNDER MIURA-SAN'S HAND TOO, AFTER ALL.
AH, BUT IT'S NOT TRUE THAT I'M NOT FRUST-RATED.
I... AT THAT MOMENT, I...
BUT DURING THAT LAST BATTING TURN, AT THE MOMENT OF THE STRIKE,
Huh
!...
YOU FELT EXCITE-MENT, DIDN'T YOU?

WELL,
LET'S SIT DOWN AND TALK FOR A BIT, SHALL WE?

YOU KNOW YOKO-SAN, RIGHT?
YES
AN OLD STUDENT FROM OUR SCHOOL WHO WENT PRO...
HE WAS A SENPAI TWO YEARS AHEAD OF ME.

IT EVEN MADE ME CRY ALONG WITH THEM.
THE OTHER 3RD YEARS WERE BAWLING THEIR EYES OUT.
THAT GUY WAS IN 3RD YEAR WHEN I WAS A FRESH-MAN
HE LOST IN THE SUMMER PRE-LIMI-NARY, JUST LIKE US.
WHO KEPT SWINGING HIS BAT, AS IF HE WAS TRYING TO AS-CERTAIN SOME-THING.
YOKO-SENPAI WAS THE ONLY ONE
BUT AMONG THEM, THERE WAS ONLY ONE PER-SON.


THAT GUY SURE IS INTERE-STING, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE
HE'S A LEGEND I TELL YOU, A LEGEND.
HE.. KEPT SWIN-GING?
YEP. KEPT SWIN-GING.

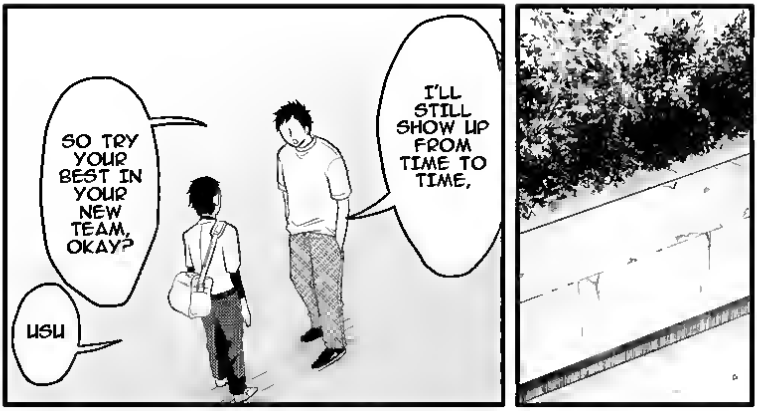
I'VE NEVER GOTTEN TWO STRIKE-OUTS FROM THE SAME PITCHER BEFORE.
BACK WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
A BIT LIKE YOU
EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE, HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COUND LOOK TOWARDS "THE NEXT TIME".
LIKE I WANT THIS BATTLE TO GO ON FOREVER...
AND THAT SOMEHOW MADE ME FEEL ALIVE
HE'S BETTER THAN ANY PITCHER I'VE FACED.
BUT MIURA-SAN IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
ALL I COULD THINK OF IS HOW MUCH I WANT TO BATTLE HIM AGAIN...
EVEN RIGHT AFTER WE LOST,

I'M REALLY STRANGE, AREN'T I?
I NEVER REALLY FELT FRUST-RATED OR HOPELESS ABOUT ANYTHING BEFORE.

...WHEN I WATCHED SENPAI SWINGING HIS BAT,
BACK THEN

BUT THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S A REASON FOR YOU TO KEEP FIGHTING

I THO-UGHT TO MY-SELF-
THAT GUY IS GOING TO BECOME A PRO SOMEDAY.


I'LL STILL SHOW UP FROM TIME TO TIME.
SO TRY YOUR BEST IN YOUR NEW TEAM, OKAY?
USU

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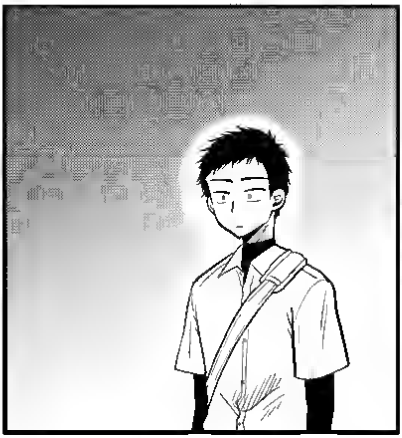
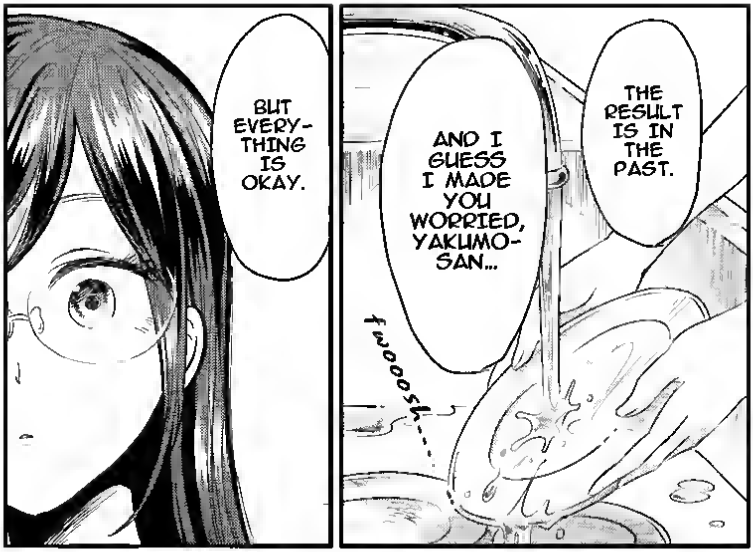
YES!
LET'S HEAD FOR KOU-SHIEN.



HOW IS IT?
IS IT GOOD?
USU.
CHOMP
CHOMP
It's been one week since...
YES,
ONE MORE, PLEASE
I'M GLAD
WANT ANOTHER?
WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THE GAME.
EVEN IF I WERE TO COMFORT HIM, THE ATMOSPHERE WILL STILL BE DIFFERENT SOMEHOW...

GULP GULP GULP
HIS APPETITE IS STILL THE SAME THOUGH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
HERE, HELP YOURSELF.
Maybe I'm just worrying needlessly...
I'LL GET YOU SOME MORE SIDE DISHES TOO!
OKAY!
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.
Empty

I'VE FINISHED WIPING THE TABLE.
ARA, THANK YOU.
UHMM.
twiddle
YA-KUMO-SAN.
HM?
THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT TOO LATE,
BUT THANK YOU FOR COMING TO CHEER FOR US.


THE RESULT IS IN THE PAST.
AND I GUESS I MADE YOU WORRIED, YAKUMO-SAN...
fwoooosh...
BUT EVERY-THING IS OKAY.

I WILL EAT MORE, PRACTICE MORE, BECOME BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN BEFORE,
AND NEXT TIME, I WILL DEFINI-TELY WIN.

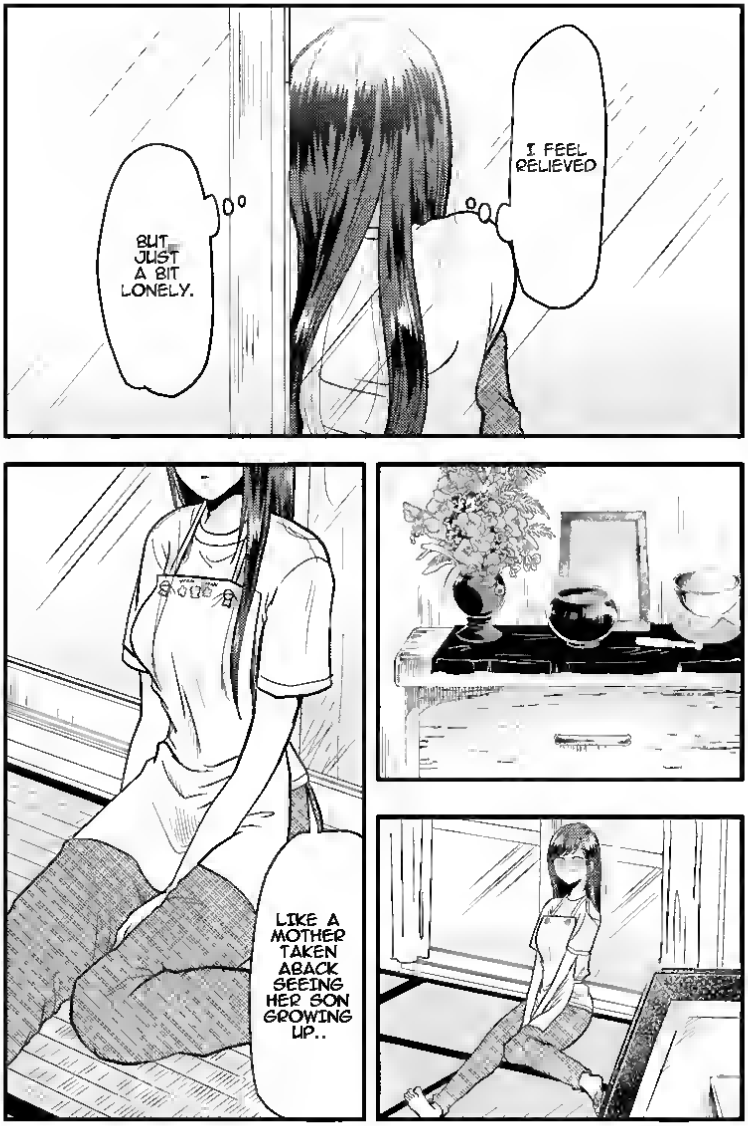
I'M SORRY, I'M STILL UNCLEAR ABOUT THIS MYSELF.
NOT AT ALL!
IT'S OKAY.
……
AH,
UHMM...
I UNDER-STAND.
I'LL COME TO CHEER FOR YOU NEXT TIME TOO
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THEN, GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT.

CLACK
slap
slap
FWOO~
FLOP

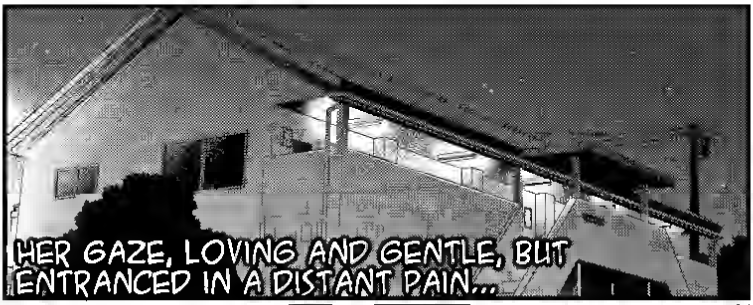
WHILE I WAS STILL LOST IN THOUGHT

HE WAS ALREADY ABLE TO STAND UP STRAIGHT

AND STARTED MOVING FORWARD.


I FEEL RELIEVED
BUT JUST A BIT LONELY.
LIKE A MOTHER TAKEN ABACK SEEING HER SON GROWING UP..

MY MY...
HOW IMPUDENT OF ME...


HER GAZE, LOVING AND GENTLE, BUT ENTRANCED IN A DISTANT PAIN...

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